

NIST Spoken Term Detection 2006 Evaluation

Registration Agreement Form

To participate in the 2006 NIST Spoken Term Detection Evaluation (STD-06) this registration form must be filled out in its entirety and returned to NIST by the registration deadline of September 6, 2006

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The following are terms of participation in the STD-06 evaluation:

- On receiving the evaluation data (November 3, 2006), the registered site will process the test sets in accordance with the STD-06 Evaluation Plan, and return the system output files to NIST by the end of the evaluation period (November 20, 2006 8:00 pm EST).
- The site agrees to be represented at the STD Evaluation Workshop to be held at NIST on December 14-15, 2006, and to openly discuss the system(s) evaluated. Participants must write a system description document that will be included in the workshop materials and deliver a prepared system description presentation at that workshop.
- The evaluation data cannot be redistributed.
- Due to limited corpora resources, sites must return the evaluation corpus to NIST after running their systems without inspecting the evaluation corpus in any manner.

The following are terms of publishing the NIST Spoken Term Detection evaluation results:

- Your organization agrees that the sponsoring organizations (U.S. Government and their designates) will be permitted to publish your results without anonymity or further permission in the STD Proceedings, STD Website, and relevant publications that the sponsoring organizations choose.
- Your organization understands that, although the evaluation is open to all wishing to participate, results released prior to official publication by NIST are only to be discussed within the group of registered participants and representatives of supporting government agencies.
- Your organization agrees to not publicly compare its results with the results of other participants, such as stating rank ordering or score difference. Your organization is free to do what they wish with their own results, but may neither redistribute nor publish results from another site without that site's explicit permission. However, organizations are encouraged to reference the STD website and official STD evaluation publications in their publications.
- This agreement does not supersede any contractual agreement that a site may have with its sponsors or their affiliates regarding publication review.

NIST serves to coordinate these evaluations. These tests are designed for local implementation by each participant. As such, this evaluation is based on an honor system. Organizations that are found to have manually or artificially generated results for these evaluations may be barred from future participation in any NIST-affiliated evaluations.

The reported results are not to be construed, or represented, as endorsement of any participant's system, or as official findings on the part of NIST, the U.S. Government.

Initials: _____

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Evaluation Test Set Languages: (check boxes of planned participation)

Arabic _____

English _____

Mandarin _____

Organization: _____

Organization Representative (please print)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

By signing and returning this form to NIST you are registering your organization as a participant in the NIST STD 2006 evaluation, and acknowledging that you have read and your organization will abide by the protocols as described here and in the official evaluation plan.